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SUBJ: TUNISIAN TROOPS RETURN FROM EGYPTIAN FRONT,
REVIEWED BY BOURGUIBA

REF: TUNIS DAO 0143 MAY 1974

1. ON MAY 20, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA DURING VISIT TO
BIZERTE REGION REVIEWED FOUR COMPANIES OF TUNISIAN
PARA-COMMANDO AND SUPPORT TROOPS JUST RETURNED
FROM EGYPT. THESE WERE TROOPS THAT WERE SENT TO EGYPT
IN EARLY Y UARY#TO REPLACE TUNISIAN INFANTRY CONTINGENT
SENT TO EGYPT DURING OCTOBER WAR.

2. BOURGUIBA, WHO HAD BEEN IN GENEVA WHEN FIRST CON-
TINGENT RETURNED, MADE SPEECH EXPRESSING ADMIRATION
FOR VALIANT CONTRIBUTION TUNISIAN TROOPS MADE IN ARAB
VICTORY. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD DECORATED
THESE TROOPS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE. HE SAID TUNISIA
IS READY TO SUPPORT AGAIN THE FIGHT BY THE ARABS
TO RECOVER THEIR LANDS.

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3. DATT UNDERSTANDS THESE TROOPS RETURNED VIA
EGYPTIAN AIRLIFT AND THEIR TRUCKS WILL BE RETURNING
OVERLAND THROUGH LIBYA. WITH EXCEPTION OF TRUCK
DRIVERS ALL TUNISIAN TROOPS SENT TO FRONT HAVE NOW
RETURNED TO TUNISIA.
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